

Acton Council on Aging Board Meeting Minutes for March 13, 2012

Present: Barbara Tallone, Chair; Charlie Aaronson, Vice Chair; Barbara Willson, Secretary; Ann Corcoran, Treasurer; Sharon Mercurio, Director; Steve Baran; Pat Ellis; Jim Papachristos; Sally Thompson; Paul Turner; Norma Wu, Liaison Friends of the COA; Sgt. Ray Grey, Liaison Police Department

Absent. Mike Gowing, Liaison Board of Selectmen

Call To Order: Barbara Tallone

The meeting was called to order by Barbara Tallone at 3:45 on Monday February 13, 2012 at the Senior Center.

Items Distributed at meeting or available electronically:

Agenda for COA meeting
Minutes of the COA Board meeting
Director's Report

Review of the Minutes of February, 2012

The minutes of the February meeting were accepted as distributed.

Chairman Report: Barb Tallone

Barbara requested members to sign up: 1) to hold a sign on March 27 asking voters to attend Town Meeting and vote for the money to continue work on the design of a new senior center and 2) to work at the COA table at Wellness University on March 31.

Director Report: Sharon Mercurio

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Sharon attended and/or hosted the usual meetings and forums. She noted that the attendance at the Seniors at Risk meetings at the Senior center was increasing and included a wide variety of professional staff.

Sharon described the series of talks on advanced directives given by a graduate student in nursing. This work included assisting elders to complete legal forms. Six programs were oversubscribed this month. The Veterans' agent continued to hold monthly office hours at the center.

Plans for the future include trips to and from the polls by 2 shuttles. The Acton Recreation Department will schedule evening programs at the Senior Center in March.

Senior Center Building Committee: Sharon Mercurio

The subcommittee charged with identifying the community plans for a new center reported to SCBC. Three plans were suggested: A) a senior center with certain areas which others could use at times not being used by seniors B) a senior center as in A) but situated on the property in a way which allows for later additions for community use C) begin again with an as yet unidentified plan, but responding to a wide variety of suggestions -rooms and courts, pool and so on. The SCBC supported option B at its

March 5 meeting. On March 12 the report ,including the 3 options and the SCBC vote, will be given to the Board of Selectmen by the subcommittee chair, Paulina Knibbe.

Treatsurer Report: Ann Corcoran

No report

Liaison Board of Selectmen: Mike Gowing

No report.

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Liaison Friends of COA: Norma Wu

The annual appeal is short of 2011 and will be included in the April COA Newsletter. The fall fair is scheduled for November 17. The quilt raffle will be set up at the polls on March 27. Woolpack of Acton Woods Plaza will give 10% of their income on Thursday, March 15 to the Friends.

Liaison Acton Police: Sgt Raymond Grey

All parties handling money orders have been alerted to the telephone scams, but one elderly woman did send cash to Peru last week. It was tracked by police. The Acton Police Department do not solicit by phone asking for donations to be put on door for pick up. They do a mailing solicitation for scholarships.

Liaison Minuteman Senior Services: Charlie Aaronson

Minuteman Senior Services Board has begun fund raising. The luncheon at Acton Senior Center on Thursday, March 15 will benefit Minuteman. They are in the process of moving from Burlington to Bedford.

New Business:

An informal poll of members indicated that all will return to the Board next year except Barbara Tallone and Pat Ellis.

Adjournment-Next Meeting: Barbara Tallone

The meeting adjourned at 4:45. The next meeting will be Monday, April 9 , 2012 at 3:45 P.M. at the Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Willson, Secretary